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DEPT PASS MANAMA, COMMERCE FOR COEHN, AND EXIMBANK FOR YOUNG

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - SAUDI REEQUIPMENT

REF: BEIRUT 5181; JIDDA 2539

1. LOCKHEED MIDEAST VICE PRESIDENT ROGER TODD ADVISES
RCAA SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES (SAUDIA) HAS DRAWN UP
REVISED FLEET PLAN WHICH CALLS FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL
LOCKHEED TRISTARS (ONE L-1011-100 AND THREE L-1011-
200'S). THESE ARE IN ADDITION TO THE TWO L-1011-100
TRISTARS ORDERED BY SAUDIA LAST MAY FOR DELIVERY JUNE
AND JULY 1975.

2. FLEET PLAN MUST BE APPROVED BY SAUDIA BOARD OF
DIRECTORS PROBABLY CONVENING AUGUST 14. LOCKHEED-CALIFORNIA
EXPECTS THAT SUBSEQUENT SAUDIA BOARD APPROVAL, FINAL
CONTRACT MAY BE SIGNED SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1974. TODD
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BELIEVES CONTRACT WILL PROBABY INVOLVE ONE FIRM L-1011-100

AND ONE FIRM L-1011-200 PLUS TWO L-1011-200 SECOND-BUYS
(OPTIONS). RCAA ESTIMATES VALUE OF ORDER FOR TWO ADDITIONAL
TRISTARS AT \$60 MILLION, INCLUDING SPARES. DELIEVERIES
WOULD PROBABLY COMMENCE SPRING 1976.

3. AT LATER DATE, SAUDIA'S THREE L-1011-100 TRISTARS
WILL BE MODIFIED TO L-1011-200'S, GIVING AIRLINE ULTIMATE
FLEET SIX L-1011-200 TRISTARS (POWERED BY UPRATED ROLLS ROYCE
RB.211-524 ENGINES OF 48,000 LBS. TAKEOFF THRUST).
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